

Wicomico County Recycling

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Recycling Goal

- To maintain the current recycling rate of 25%.

Waste Diversion Rate

- For calendar year 2000, 24% recycling rate + 0% source reduction credit = 24% waste diversion rate.

Residential Program

Curbside

- There are no County operated curbside recycling programs.

Drop-off

- There are 21 recycling stations (11 staffed), serving all municipalities, dispersed throughout the County. Materials collected include #1 - #7 plastic narrow-necked bottles, glass, aluminum and steel cans, mixed paper, newspaper, magazines and cardboard.

Processing/Marketing

- Materials are consolidated and some are baled at a processing site at the county landfill.
- Materials from Somerset and Worcester Counties are processed at the Wicomico County site.

Municipalities

- **Delmar, Fruitland, Hebron, Mardela Springs, Pittsville, Salisbury, Sharptown and Willards** are served by County drop-offs.
- **Salisbury** has a curbside program.

Yard Trimmings

- The County has implemented recycling of leaves and brush. There are five drop-off locations. A portable tub grinder is used at each location and the material is consolidated at the landfill. The mulch goes to a composting business.

Other Materials

- The County collects *oil* and *antifreeze* at all of its transfer stations.
- *Wood pallets* and *wood waste* are accepted at the same drop-off locations where yard debris is accepted.
- *White goods* are collected at the landfill for recycling.
- *Telephone books* are collected at drop-offs year round.

Household Hazardous Waste

- The County currently does not have an HHW program.

Electronics

- The County currently does not have an electronics recycling program.

Commercial Program

- H.D. Metal Co. Inc., recycles cardboard, high grade paper, computer paper and aluminum and steel cans.
- Modern Concrete Industries in Salisbury recycles rubble (e.g., concrete, bricks, and blacktop).
- Giant Food, Inc., in Salisbury, recycles newspaper and cardboard.
- Acme recycles cardboard, food waste, and plastic.
- CONECTIV recycles cardboard, computer paper, and aluminum cans.
- Pepsi-Cola recycles plastic, cardboard, and glass.
- Perdue recycles organic waste, plastic, and cardboard.
- Coscov's recycles cardboard, office paper, and plastic.
- Dresser recycles steel and aluminum.
- Standard Register recycles steel, aluminum, cardboard, wood, paper, and plastic.
- In addition to the above, 33 additional businesses are recycling.

Public Buildings

- The Board of Education has started implementing recycling in all public schools. Currently only mixed paper and cardboard are recycled.
- Salisbury State University recycles high-grade white paper, plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans, cardboard, white goods, food waste, yard debris and used oil.
- White paper, mixed paper, newsprint, aluminum cans, and glass bottles are being recycled in County offices.

Public Education & Outreach

- The County maintains ongoing education programs in cooperation with the Community Environmental Organization (CEO).
- The Department of Public Works staff give recycling presentations to local organizations

Special Programs

- The County accepts plastics, glass, aluminum and steel cans, newspaper, and cardboard from Somerset and Worcester Counties.
- The County accepts cardboard from the Eastern Correctional Institution in Somerset County.
- The County uses work-release personnel for labor in the recycling program.

Disposal

- The tipping fee at the Newland Park Landfill is \$55.00/ton.

Financing/Budget

- The tipping fee finances the recycling program. An enterprise fund has been established in the County.